



Ocotillo

Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



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Independence Day Holiday Notice

City of Glendale offices, landfill and libraries will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. [Click here](#) for more details.

67th Avenue at Missouri. This system helps remind drivers to slow down and reduce speed during school hours. This particular system has been proven to be an effective tool to combat speeding. In fact, in a national survey of police officers, traffic engineers, and corporate safety officials, radar speed displays were identified as the single-most effective traffic calming solution around schools, playgrounds, and neighborhood streets.

The Safe Routes application was coordinated through a joint partnership between the city and Glendale Elementary School District. Both these projects will be entirely funded by federal dollars.

Separate Your Sanitation Containers by Three Feet for Better Service. Because Glendale offers both trash and recycling service on the same day, most residents are putting two containers out at the curb, but perhaps not properly. Did you know that your trash and recycling container must be three feet apart? If they aren't, it impedes the drivers' ability to pick up each container; this can result in damage to containers, and even the need for a driver to get out of the truck to set the container properly. Containers should also be placed away from other obstacles, such as mail boxes, decorative borders and cable boxes. Being mindful of separating the containers by at least three feet helps city staff provide better customer service in a more efficient manner.

Boards and Commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to the following Ocotillo District Residents who were recently appointed to serve on Glendale's Boards and Commissions:

- Bernadette Bolognini - Ad-Hoc Water & Sewer Task Force
- Arthur Swander Jr. as Vice Chair – Community Development Advisory Committee
- Jacoba Worsdell – Historic Preservation Commission
- Carl Dietzman – Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods
- Jameson Green – Commission on Persons w/Disabilities

Citizen involvement and input is essential to the success of local government. The city encourages you to consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's 17 boards and commissions. [Click here](#) for more information or to apply online.

Glendale Receives New funding for safe routes program. Many Glendale students will soon experience a safer route to school, thanks to Safe Routes to School funding being awarded to Glendale's Transportation Department for the first time. Two projects will help children walk or bike to school in a better environment.

The first project includes a sidewalk completion on Myrtle Avenue from 63rd Avenue to 66th Drive. Once this sidewalk is completed, students and parents will have a safe place to walk. The second project includes two school zone flasher systems and speed radar sign systems, which will be installed northbound and southbound on

Other things to remember when placing out your trash and recycling:

- Bag and tie all trash
- Recycling should be loose - not bagged
- Don't overfill your containers
- Bring containers out to the curb the night before or by 6 a.m. on collection day; put away your container by 6 a.m. the day following pick up
- Place containers out in front of your home, not the neighbors
- Proper placement at the curb allows pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk behind your container(s) with containers facing forward
- If your container is damaged, call the Sanitation Office for a replacement

For additional information, call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

Social Service Agencies Receive Grant Funds Through Glendale's "From The Heart" Program. Eighteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to the city's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents received \$172,900 in grants from Glendale's From The Heart program.

The grants will be used to serve the community in many ways, from providing home-delivered meals and home medical equipment to senior citizens to providing emergency programs for victims of domestic violence.

The money distributed to the social service agencies last week was raised through Glendale's From The Heart program, which enables residents and businesses to add \$1 to their city utility bills each month or make one-time donations.

Agencies receiving grant funds this year included the Alzheimer's Association - Desert Southwest Chapter – \$10,000, Back To School Clothing Drive Association – \$10,000, Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix – \$10,000, Central Arizona Shelter Services – \$12,500, Community Legal Services – \$10,000,

Duet-Partners in Health & Aging – \$5,000 and First United Methodist Church of Glendale – \$10,000.

Other agencies receiving funds were Gabriel's Angels – \$5,000, Jewish Family and Children's Services – \$5,000, A New Leaf – \$6,000, New Life Center – \$10,000, One Step Beyond – \$5,500, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – \$12,500, Society of St. Vincent de Paul – \$15,000, Salvation Army Glendale Corps – \$6,000, Sojourner Center – \$8,900, Solecito Services – \$15,000 and YWCA of Maricopa County – \$16,500.

Money collected from the program is distributed annually to local social service agencies through a grant application and selection process. The main criteria to receive funding is that the agencies must provide services to Glendale residents that promote the positive development of youth, strengthen families and assist citizens of all ages in addressing urgent needs.

Since From The Heart began in 1997, more than \$2.4 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents. For more information on Glendale's From The Heart program, [click here](#).

Around Town

Summer Film Viewing and Discussion Series. "Exceptional, Inspirational, and Determined: Favorite Biographical Films of the Famous" is the theme of this year's summer film viewing and discussion series Saturdays at 1 p.m., at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Film scholar, Jeannie Berg returns for a seventh year with the popular, free "Reel Talk Film Series."

On June 30 "A Beautiful Mind" starring Russell Crowe, Ed Harris, Jennifer Connelly and Paul Bettany and directed by Ron Howard will be shown. This film, based on the true story of John Forbes Nash, Jr., shows his rise and fall through a harrowing time of schizophrenia. Nash made an astonishing discovery early in his career, but before he could take on the trappings of international fame he found himself on a painful journey of self-discovery.

Backyard Stargazing for Everyone. Join us from 7-9 p.m. on Monday July 2 at the Glendale Main Library for Backyard Stargazing. This program is free and fun for the entire family! After dark, telescopes will be in place in front of the library for viewing the night sky. The Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call (623) 979-1393.

Wildlife World Zoo presents: Creatures of the Night. The Wildlife World Zoo is bringing some of their animal ambassadors to explore the world of animals that are active in the night. Join us from 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, July 11 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

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